

Alexandria Gazette

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1912.

WEATHER REPORT.

Fair tonight and Wednesday; warmer tonight with moderate to brisk southwesterly winds.

Sun rises 5:44. Sets 6:40. High Tide tomorrow at Sun rises 5:42. Sets 6:41.

PRICE 2 CENTS.

CANDIDATES ON FINAL SPURT

Interest Increases as Closing Day of Gazette's Contest Draws Near

A LITTLE HELP MAY WIN

Don't Say After Next Monday You Are Sorry You Did Not Give Your Favorite a Subscription.

ROLL OF HONOR

First District.

Miss L. Violet Proctor, 43,302

Second District.

Miss Kroes Ficklin, 67,587

Third District.

Miss Irene Pulman, 22,848

Total Growing.

The total votes of the various candidates in the Alexandria Gazette's European tour and prize contest which will come to a close promptly at 9 o'clock next Monday night, are growing day by day, and in the first district Miss L. Violet Proctor has passed the 40,000 mark by more than 3,000 votes, while in the second Miss Ficklin has more than 67,000. Both these young ladies did strong voting yesterday, and the result is that they head their respective districts. Other special ballots were voted by Miss King and Miss Uhler in the first district, but they did not vote quite strong enough to reach the coveted seat.

In the second division Miss Esther T. Paisley adds another special ballot to the big lead she made yesterday, but that was not quite sufficient to hold first place. Miss Susan Fawcett votes enough to still retain her position in the list. Miss Lisa Anderson who was second yesterday, drops to fourth.

Even the third has a new leader. Miss Irene Pulman captures the first place from Miss Julia Lewis, of Manassas, who has been heading the list for the past two days. Miss Pulman and Miss Lewis have had a hard fight for the Honor Seat, but at the end of the contest a third lady may step in who is wanting to tour Europe, too. Make your reserve strong, so that it cannot be beaten. You cannot always tell what the other candidates are doing nor what they will do before the contest closes. "Still water runs deep" says an old proverb, and in many contests the victories are won by candidates who stay out of the limelight, and do their work so quietly that their opponents are not aware of their activity.

Big gains were made by all candidates yesterday in an effort to reach the top, but of course only one can lead, but they all made a big vote in the great contest. It is expected that every young lady entered in the list will do some hard voting in order to keep the lead from now until the end which comes at 9 o'clock next Monday night.

The End Approaches.

Counting tomorrow, but five more working days remain until the curtain will be rung down on the Alexandria Gazette European tour and prize contest. And how short those few days will be. Every moment will be required to furnish its full quota of subscriptions and the accompanying votes, for by these votes alone can any of the fair contestants hope to be one of our guests on the delightful ocean voyage and Old World visit next summer.

All Kinds of Predictions.

This forecasting of the final results of the enterprise is naturally of a very chaotic nature, and embraces the entire ocean of possibilities. Opinions are of a very marked variety and they are as interesting as widely varied. The friends of all the contestants are equally confident of the success of their favorites but just who will prove true prophets and who the false is a matter which can only be determined when the final count is made.

The many shades and colorings which are given this pre-election wisdom adds a touch of piquancy to an already interesting situation and the frequent changes which occur in the

standing of the contestants, the excursions made by them up and down the lists, serve to keep the interest at fever heat and make the campaign far more exciting than the ordinary election.

Note Regarding Coupons.

All coupons to be voted must be left or deposited in the ballot boxes before Saturday afternoon at four o'clock. They will be void after that time and none of them will be accepted after that, except should some be mailed from out of town. Gather them for the last time Saturday for they positively will not be accepted after the time mentioned above.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

There was a well attended meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last night. A large volume of general business was transacted and reports submitted by committees. It was stated that the electric sign on the water front at the foot of Wolfe street will be lighted tonight or tomorrow night. The chamber has several matters of importance before it at present looking to the establishment of certain industries in Alexandria.

NEW APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of Alexandria Lodge of Elks which was held last night in their home on Prince street, Exalted Ruler Barrett announced the appointment of the following officers: George L. Appich, esquire, Rev. Edgar Carpenter, chaplain and James B. Martin, inner guard. These are three of the most important officers of the lodge.

Negroes on the Rampage

James and Lewis Jackson and Ed and Ernest Clark, all colored, engaged in a fight last night on Henry street, between Queen and Princess. The row it is said, originated over a female residing in that vicinity. One of the quartet, realizing he was about to emerge second best, made a sudden dash into the house of a colored woman, living in the vicinity. The other three followed in rapid succession, partly carrying away the door in effecting their entrance. A bull-in-china-shop scene followed, during which lamps were upset, furniture demolished and considerable damage caused. During the mix-up the combatants were all more or less injured, one receiving an ugly gash on his cheek. Officer Nicholson had them arranged before the police court this morning, when they were fined \$10 each.

Officers Elected

At a meeting of the officers and teachers of the Sunday school of the Washington Street M. E. Church South, last night the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year:

Assistant Superintendent Nevell S. Greenaway; Secretary J. W. Monroe; Recording Secretary Harry H. Newton; Assistant Secretaries, Barbour Beach and Elmer Smith; Treasurer W. C. Baggett; Librarian F. J. Pollard; Assistant Librarians James G. Graham and Adrian Tomlin; Superintendent of Supplies, Alvin Powell; Chorister, T. J. Davis; Pianist Miss Ruth Gerlach; Assistant Pianist Miss Nellie Pierpont; Organist Miss Harriet Pollard; Assistant Organist to be supplied; superintendent of home department and cradle row to be supplied; President of Missionary Society Mrs. Alvin Powell; Vice President Missionary Society Mrs. George E. Warfield; Mr. J. F. Myers was elected superintendent of the Sunday school at the March quarterly conference.

The meeting was well attended, the proceedings interesting and considerable business was transacted.

THE SMITH CASE

G. Mason Smith, of this city, who was recently taken into custody to answer the charge of violating the white slave law, appeared before Judge Rose in the United States Court in Baltimore today, when his case was fixed for trial on the 15th instant. Douglas Smith, who has been wanted to answer the charge of aiding and abetting his brother, and whose whereabouts have been unknown appeared before Commissioner Garnett today, upon his own volition, and gave bond for his appearance before the United States Court in Baltimore on the 15th instant.

ANNIVERSARY OF SURRENDER.

Today is the forty-seventh anniversary of the Army of Northern Virginia (General Robert E. Lee) and the virtual termination of the four years' civil war. Cannon were discharged from the fortifications hereabouts and the federal soldiers who were in charge of Alexandria at the time rang all the bells of the city throughout most of the day.

TWO HUNDRED DROWN IN NILE.

Crowded Street Car Ferry Sinks Early Today--But Few Passengers Saved

ACCIDENT DUE TO COLLISION

Three Hundred Persons on Ferry at Time--Heavy Current Made Rescue Difficult.

Cairo, Egypt, April 9.—A crowded street car ferry with hundreds of persons aboard sank in the Nile early today. Two hundred are reported drowned. Rescue parties have been at work for hours endeavoring to save survivors who were floating in the tidal current clinging to bits of wreckage.

The ferry boat was bound from Old Cairo to Ghizeh across the river. A holiday crowd of Easter excursionists filled the city, and the boat was overloaded. There were three hundred persons aboard when she left the wharf.

About the center of the river the big lumbering ferry collided with another vessel bound in the opposite direction, turning completely over and carrying the passengers into the river. Scores of boats put out from shore and endeavored to drag the passengers from the river, but few were rescued. The authorities estimate that 200 are missing.

After hours of labor the rescue squads succeeded in recovering from the river the bodies of 20 drowned. Passengers on the ferry declared after they had been rescued that at least fifty were drowned, but the authorities assert that the death list will be much greater. They declare that the river current would undoubtedly make the recovery of many bodies difficult.

Youth Assaulted.

While two youths were accompanied by two young women walking on South Lee street last night their attention was attracted by a noise in the yard of a residence in that section, and, after escorting the young women to their homes, the boys returned to the house and rang the bell. The boys told the lady of the house that they had reasons to believe a trespasser was upon the premises, and the boys offered to make an investigation. The gentleman of the house was away at the time and the lady gladly accepted the services of the youths. The latter proceeded to the yard and after a few minutes search one of them (Willie Quinn, living at 119 Wolfe street) was struck violently upon the head by some person and knocked unconscious. The assailant immediately vanished, and the companion of the youth Leo Moore, residing on South Washington street, gave an alarm and with the assistance of the lady the injured boy was taken in the house. A telephone message brought Dr. Gorman and Policemen Wilkinson and Nicholson. The doctor ministered to Quinn and the policeman went over the premises, but they were unable to find the trespasser. Quinn was later taken to his home.

POLICE COURT

(Justice L. H. Thompson, Presiding.) The following cases were disposed of this morning:

Two white men and a colored man, charged with interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty, were fined \$10 each.

Rebecca Mason, colored, charged with stealing \$12 from Frank Dodge, was dismissed upon that charge, but sent to the workhouse for 30 days for vagrancy, as were four other young colored women, charged with the same offense.

Julia Cheeks, colored, proprietress of the house where the women gathered, was fined \$50.

James and Lewis Jackson and Ernest and Ed. Clark, all colored, charged with fighting and destroying property, were fined \$10.

Albert Johnson, charged with the larceny of flour and meal from Nellie Brooks, was dismissed, the complainant failing to appear.

A young man, charged with stealing a diamond ring, was dismissed, the charge having been withdrawn.

Two white men, charged with habitual drunkenness, were dismissed with an admonition. Another white man, charged with a similar offense, was sent to the work house for five days. Another white man, an old offender, had his case continued.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Angelo & Priest have sold to William A. Moore, Jr., a high-power automobile for \$1,250.

A meeting of automobile owners of this city will be held at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce at 8:30 o'clock tonight. The object is to form an organization.

Plans for the unveiling, on June 8, of the Columbus memorial, which is being set up in the plaza of the Union Station, Washington, have been completed. Reports received here from various jurisdictions of the Knights of Columbus throughout the United States and Canada indicate that 30,000 members of the organization will attend the exercises.

Andrew Saks, founder of the well-known clothing firm of Saks & Co., of Washington and New York, died yesterday morning at his New York home. Mr. Saks was a native of Baltimore.

Miss Mary Johnson will deliver an address before the Alexandria Trades Council on the night of April 26, in the Young People's Building.

A large number of handsome and attractive prizes have been selected for the euchre party which will be given by the ladies of the Hebrew congregation, for the benefit of the Synagogue in Lyceum Hall.

R. C. Carter was in the buggy with Miss Rose Hicks when the accident to the vehicle occurred on the Highway Bridge Sunday, and not Oscar F. Carter, as was stated.

The Circuit Court for the City, Judge Harrison, was engaged today in the trial of the case of Sinclair vs. Fairfax & Co. The case will be given to the jury late this afternoon.

George L. Clark, a well-known Alexandria, will leave on next Monday for Norfolk, Va., to enlist in the navy there.

T. J. Fannon has sold his residence on the north side of Prince street, between Alfred and Patrick, to Thomas B. Rowan.

Rev. Edgar Carpenter will resume his talk on his trip to Europe tonight in Young People's Building at 8 o'clock. There will be a silver offering.

The University of Virginia Glee Club will appear at the Columbia Theatre in Washington, on the afternoon of April 26. The entertainment will be given under the auspices of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, in Washington proceeds of which will be given to the Confederate Memorial Home fund.

Fined Fifty Dollars.

A soldier who gave his name as Frank Dodge, had a sorrowful experience last night while "taking in" what is known as the Petersburg section of Alexandria. During the time he was seeking adventures he entered a house supposed to be conducted by Julia Cheeks, a well known colored woman, where he met five colored girls, of ages ranging from sixteen to eighteen years of age. Two of the inmates were visitors from Washington. While there Dodge bore the expense for liquor consumed by the bunch, and when he was about to take his leave he found that he was minus \$12, which he had reason to believe had been taken by Rebecca Mason. He notified Officer Roberts who was on duty at the station house at the time, and the other night officers, Talbot and Scott went to make an investigation. The officers took the women in charge and brought them to the station house. The Mason woman alleged her innocence of the theft and said she had but forty cents in her pocket. The officers however found two dollars secreted in the confiture. Upon being brought before police court this morning Julia Cheeks was fined \$50 dollars for conducting a disorderly house and the five young women found in the place were sent to the work house for thirty days for vagrancy.

While the officers were on their way to the station house with the prisoners a colored man intercepted Officer Scott and endeavored to pull a woman away from him. The officer drew his pistol and the negro retreated into a nearby saloon. The officers followed and upon reaching the saloon two white men, one of whom he called upon to assist him in arresting the negro who had interfered with him, treated him with contempt as well as the badge he exhibited. The trio were brought before the police court this morning and fined \$10 each.

GRACE CHURCH VESTRY

The following vestrymen for Grace Church were elected last night: C. N. Moore, Chas. E. Cox, Chas. J. Deahl, Frank T. King, Harry S. Brown, S. M. Pulman, C. A. Shoffer, E. T. Estess, Harry E. Arnold, H. Talbot McCuen, James F. Wood and C. Raymond Simpson. They will meet in the near future and elect officers.

FLOODS STILL CAUSE ANXIETY

Mississippi Moving Gradually Down Valley--More Land Will Be Flooded

RISING AT CERTAIN POINTS

River Stationary at Hickman -- Whooping Cough Among Children -- Relief Work Well in Hand.

St. Louis, Mo., April 9.—The Mississippi flood is moving gradually down the valley and unless levees hold, more territory will be inundated. According to reports made to the local weather bureau today there has been a rise of six-tenths of a foot at Vicksburg, Miss., within the past 24 hours, the stage at that point being fifty feet today. A rise of four-tenths of a foot is noted at New Orleans. The river has fallen a tenth of a foot at Memphis and while remaining at a standstill at Cairo, is showing a falling tendency.

Hickman, Ky., April 9.—The vast territory behind the government levee was filled to a stage which caused the river to become stationary today, after falling for 24 hours, although it is believed that no further damage will be done by the flood.

Whooping cough is rapidly spreading among children of the refugees.

The relief of the suffering is well in hand today. Rations and blankets are being distributed to refugees by the United States government. An agent of the Red Cross Society has arrived with funds. A boatload of provisions from Memphis was distributed here and at Tiptonville, Tenn., and Columbus, Ky.

A report that Mrs. Louis Walters and her 12-year-old daughter were drowned when the levee broke last Friday night cannot be confirmed. The Walters' home was directly in the path of the flood.

Memphis, Tenn., April 9.—If the levees on the Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas shores below Memphis hold today the flood crisis in the Mississippi Valley will be past.

Reports reached here that a break has occurred near Natchez, Miss., but that it is under control. At other points the waters are lapping the tops of the levees, but with men piling up sand bags and strengthening the dikes, it is believed they will withstand the strain. The levees both north and south of Vicksburg, Miss., showed signs of weakening yesterday.

The loss in lives to live stock in St. Francis Basin, flooded by breaks near Memphis, will be enormous. Steamers are still working night and day bringing refugees from the flooded territory. All are nearly famished and suffering greatly from exposure.

Johnson Waiting for Syndicate.

Chicago, April 9.—Jack Johnson today is waiting to hear from a New York syndicate which he says has offered him a guarantee of \$25,000 for a ten-round fight with Samuel Langford to be staged at a New York baseball park. Johnson did not accept. Instead he asked for the privilege of taking fifty per cent of the gross receipts with a \$25,000 guarantee. Johnson has also promised Tom O'Rourke that he will meet Langford before his club for \$30,000. If O'Rourke fails to bind this agreement by Saturday the big smoke says he will surely sign with the "syndicate" on a half and half basis.

Wife Shoots Husband.

Chicago, April 9.—"You want vote for woman suffrage, want you? You never do anything that's right; but I'll teach you something. Take that."

With these words, Grace Ritchey, 32, opened fire on her husband, Charles A. Ritchey, a photographer, with a revolver, in their home here today and did not stop until she had emptied the five chambers of the gun. Ritchey was shot through the leg and arm. He was removed to a hospital where it was said he would recover. Mrs. Ritchey was taken to jail. The couple had been quarreling frequently and their trouble reached the shooting stage when Ritchey sneered a refusal in answer to his wife's request that he vote for "votes for women."

Council Tonight.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the city council will be held tonight. The two boards will meet at eight o'clock from now until October.

NEW WATER SUPPLY

25,000 Gallon Tank is Being Erected By Rosemont Development Company.

A water tank which will hold 25,000 gallons is being erected in Rosemont section No. 2, by the Rosemont Development Company under the supervision of David J. Howell, civil engineer. The tank will be located on a steel tower 36 feet high on the extreme top of the hill in that section. Water will be pumped into the tank by an electric motor directly connected with a pump located in a pumping station the company is erecting which will obtain the supply from the pipes of the Alexandria Water Company.

This high service water system is to serve the residents and also for fire purposes for that section of Rosemont above the area that can be supplied from the reservoirs of the water company. The work was designed by Mr. Howell and will cost from \$4,000 to \$5,000. It will be completed the latter part of April.

The Rosemont Development Company has laid water pipes through the streets to supply the residents, in the high service system, with fire hydrants located through the subdivision. These improvements are in line with the substantial improvements which the company is constructing through their entire property, all of which tend to make it one of the most desirable suburban residence sections both for this city and Washington.

HOME RULE DENOUNCED

No Disorder Marked Visitor of Andrew Bonar Law to Belfast.

Belfast, Ireland, April 9.—Thousands of Ulstermen gathered in a huge mass meeting here today to listen to a denunciation of the Home Rule Bill by Andrew Bonar Law, the conservative leader in Parliament. The city was alive with Opanemen and the police nervously patrolled every street, in momentary fear of a bloody riot.

The nationalists leaders had urged their followers not to interfere with the meeting, but it was feared, that under stress, the excitable Home Rulers would cause an out break. Col. Count Gleichen in charge of the Belfast military, kept the soldiers in readiness at Curragh Camp, prepared to be rushed into Belfast at any moment.

Cheering Orangemen lined the streets through which Bonar Law accompanied by the Orange leaders, Lord Londonderry and Sir Edward Carson, automobilized to the Royal Ulster Agricultural Society's ground at Balmoral. There Law took his place on the stand and 30,000 Orangemen, yelling waving the Union Jack, and flaunting banners denouncing Home Rule paraded by. Excitement was at a high pitch when Law began a bitter attack on the measure which will be introduced on Thursday. He declared that the Liberals having muzzle the House of Lords were now endeavoring to force Home Rule through a single chamber parliament.

FINAL CONFERENCE.

Philadelphia, April 9.—While the operators' committee of tea assembled in New York today for a final conference before the meeting with the Union representatives here tomorrow, leaders of the men from all the anthracite districts of the State arrived here today. All declared themselves confident that a settlement will be reached.

John M. Mack, secretary-treasurer of District No. 1, stated that the union is ready to meet the operators and that he is confident of concessions. "The operators' committee of ten has declared that recognition will not be offered," he said, "but we have positive information that many of the operators are anxious to grant us what we ask."

"The report has reached us that President George F. Baer will probably resign from the committee after this conference. We look on this as a meaning that the operators are in a position to concede us something which Baer opposes, or which he has opposed, and this something is probably recognition of the United Mine Workers' of America."

A preliminary conference of the union leaders will be held today in Donners' Hotel. President White, of the mine workers, has wired all of the leaders to be on hand before tonight to take part in the preliminary conferences.

BEACH AND WIFE FLEE TO EUROPE.

Mysterious Attack Upon Woman-- Authorities Suspect Husband of Crime

TESTIMONY OF A NEGRESS

Servants Alleged to Have Witnessed

Assault--Beach's Diamond-Studded Knife Found Near Scene.

Aiken, S. C., April 9.—After three hours of cross examination at the hands of the police today, Pearl Hampton, a negress, is believed to have given valuable information concerning the mysterious attack on Mrs. Frederick O. Beach, wife of the New York society man, whom the authorities accuse of the crime. The police refuse to give any information concerning the negress' revelations, but declared that their case had not been weakened by what the woman had told them.

Two maids employed in the home of Joseph Harriman, the valet of Clarence W. Dolan, of Philadelphia, and two other servants, all of whom are said to have witnessed the attack on Mrs. Beach will be questioned later in the day. The authorities said that the flight of the Beaches to Europe would not end the case. As soon as Beach returns to America a warrant charging assault with intent to kill will be served upon him.

Beach's diamond studded knife, picked up near the scene of the struggle and on one of the blades of which was found alleged blood stains, was locked in a vault today and will be held until the case is brought to trial.

London, April 9.—The names of "Freddie" Beach, and his wife, for whom the Aiken, S. C., authorities are searching to serve a warrant charging Beach with assaulting his wife, appeared on the passenger list of the steamer Mauretania arriving at Liverpool today. The couple was not seen on landing, however. They may have left the vessel at Fishguard yesterday with the mails. The American Embassy has not been informed of the case.

London, April 9.—The Cunard Company announced here today that Frederick O. Beach and wife left the liner at Fishguard yesterday. Scotland Yard professed that it had heard nothing of a demand from America that Beach be held, and that it knows nothing about the matter.

The American Embassy said that while no information regarding the Beaches had been received, something might be heard from the United States later. The Beaches are not registered at any of the larger London hotels.

Washington, April 9.—The State Department announced today that the State of South Carolina has made no request for the extradition of Frederick O. Beach of New York and Aiken, S. C., indicted for assault and battery with intent to kill his wife, Camille Beach, and now supposed to be on an ocean liner bound for England.

Charged With Forgery and Embezzlement.

Baltimore, Md., April 9.—John E. Burton, an attorney, 608 West Baltimore street, was arrested last night and held at the Central Police Station on the charges of forgery and embezzlement.

Robert Lake Dooley of Union, W. Va., who got the warrant, declared under oath that Burton had altered the will of his brother Charles P. Dooley, internal revenue agent, who died Feb. 9, at the Hebrew hospital.

Mr. Dooley also swore out warrants for the arrest of J. Scott Porter and L. B. Perkins, internal revenue agents, who are located in this city. He says they were implicated in the transaction. Mr. Perkins is chief of the Baltimore district.

Discussing the case Mr. Dooley said:

"The day before my brother died he made his will through Attorney Burton. Among his beneficiaries was Mr. Porter, whom he left \$1,000. I received information that an effort was made to increase the amount left Mr. Porter from \$1,000 to \$4,000."

"The will has been probated in court at Union, W. Va."

Mr. Dooley has engaged Judge Samuel W. Vandivert of Bounding Brook, N. J., and W. H. Copeland, of Union, W. Va., to act as his attorneys.